

October 23, 2025

Mr. Mark Kovich
Board President
West Hills Water District
9501 Morton Davis Drive
Diablo Grande, CA 95363

Submitted via email

Re: Response to October 7, 2025, Letter from Western Hills Water District

Dear Board President Kovich,

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Water Authority) is in receipt of your letter dated October 7, 2025, requesting assistance and consideration regarding the Western Hills Water District's (WHWD) water supply.

As you may know, the Water Authority is a public agency in California, comprised of twenty-seven member agencies, and was formed in 1992 as a joint powers authority. Twenty-five of these agencies contract with the United States for the delivery of water from the federal Central Valley Project (CVP). The CVP is operated and managed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The Water Authority acts as the operation and maintenance entity for the CVP's Delta Division and south-of-Delta facilities that the Water Authority's member agencies depend on for the delivery of their water supply.

We understand and empathize with the challenges and uncertainty associated with limited and unreliable water supplies. Over the last thirty years, the reliability of our member agencies' federal water supply contracts has substantially declined. The Water Authority itself holds no federal water contract; accordingly, our direct ability to assist WHWD with acquiring water supply is limited to notifying our members who do hold water supply contracts and existing water rights of WHWD's request. We did so at the most recent meeting of the Water Authority's Board of Directors on October 9, 2025.

We stand ready to coordinate with WHWD on potential solutions that our member agencies may offer, or that impact the Delta-Mendota Canal or associated south-of-Delta CVP facilities under our operations and maintenance responsibility. If you have any further questions, please reach out to Scott Petersen, Water Policy Director, at scott.petersen@sldmwa.org.

Respectfully,



Federico Barajas

Executive Director

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority